

'We still have to win our trials at home next season to gain our spot but we're really proud of it.'

The Australian team extended its European tour by a week to take advantage of the opportunity to race on the Vaires-sur-Marne course. The K2 pairing of Kailey Harlen and Natalia Drobot said it was a great experience to race on a course where the biggest event of 2024 will be held.

'It's exciting to be out there and racing again; we've only just finished a world championships, which was the biggest race of the year, but I think its just as exciting for us to come out here and have another shot at it,' Haylen said.

'It's pretty special to know that this is where the Olympics are going to be held and to be able to come here with other countries and test it out is pretty amazing,' Drobot said.

China snared three of the four gold medals on offer on the second day as competitors continued to test the conditions on the course.

China took the women's K4 500 and the men's and women's C2 500. The Hungarian men's K4 500 crew took the other gold on offer.

'The race was good; the water feels good. We are racing on the Olympic course so we are excited K4 crew member Dongyin Li said.

'Definitely the wind will have an effect but that's part of the game and we will try and deal with it.'

The New Zealand women's K4, who became world champions in Duisburg, finished second behind China.

'The course is really good; being here is really important for next year, to see the conditions with the side winds and the tail wind yesterday afternoon. I think it's really important for us to get used to what is here, what it's like, so that we can prepare for next year,' Lisa Carrington said.

Germany picked up the bronze medal.

In the women's C2 China's Shixiao Xu and Mengya Sun continued their incredible run which hasn't seen them beaten since they won at the Tokyo Olympics. On Thursday they added a World Cup gold to their collection with crews from Canada filling the minor placings.

Canada's Katie Vincent, silver medallist alongside Sloan Mackenzie, said she could feel a lot of similarities with the last Olympic venue.

'It's pretty windy here, reminds me of Tokyo a bit with the crosswinds but the facilities are beautiful; the tower is beautiful. I think it's a lovely course to be paddling on,' Vincent said.

'You can only control what you can control and you can't control the weather so it's just something to keep in mind when we're training and to stay positive.'

Canada's Sophie Jensen and Julia Lilley Osende took the bronze.

The final gold medal for China came in the men's C2 with Hao Liu and Bowen Ji finishing ahead of Petr and Martin Fuksa of Czechia and Gabriele Casadei and Carlo Tacchini taking the bronze.

The Hungarian men's K4 had taken silver at the Duisburg world

championships and followed up with World Cup gold on Thursday. Team member and Tokyo K1 200 gold medallist Sandor Totka said earning the Olympic quota the previous week had relieved a lot of stress for the team.

'We had quite a lot of pressure with the K4 just having one chance to get the Olympic quotas and we were drawn in a hard semi final so one mistake and we would have been out of the race,' Totka said.

'Luckily we managed it so then the final was a fun game; we were more relaxed and were able to enjoy the racing so the silver medal was a great experience.'

The three day World Cup came to an end with double gold on the final day for New Zealand and Hungary.

Five time Olympic champion Lisa Carrington opted not to race K1 but had a triumphant return to the women's K2 500 with gold alongside Alicia Hoskin.

Carrington and Hoskin didn't compete in the K2 at Duisburg to maximize New Zealand's chances of earning six quotas for next year's Olympics but reminded everyone on Friday of their class in the testing Paris conditions.

Team mate Aimee Fisher also embraced the opportunity to return to K1 racing after focusing on the K2 in Duisburg, winning the K1 500.

In the men's K1 1,000 Hungarians Balint Kopasz and Adam Varga resumed a battle which has been raging since the Tokyo Olympics with Kopasz repeating the result from the Olympics on Friday. In the C1 1,000 Martin Fuksa continued his world championship winning form with an impressive victory.

In the K2 500 Germany took the opportunity to experiment with K4 partners Max Rendschmidt and Jakob Schopf. It proved a strong pairing, the Germans taking the gold ahead of Spain's Adrian del Rio and Rodrigo Germade.

China's dominance of women's canoe continued with Wenjun Lin taking the gold in the C1 200 ahead of Katie Vincent.

The paracanoe competition also wrapped up with three world champions from Duisburg carrying their strong form into the World Cup.

Hungary's Peter Kiss once again won the men's KL1, a race he has dominated since before the Tokyo Paralympics. Brazil's Luis Cardoso improved one position from Duisburg, finishing second, pushing Frenchman Remy Bouille to third.

Great Britain's Laura Sugar once again took the women's KL3 with France's Nelia Barbosa and Germany's Felicia Laberer once again filling the minor placings.

Just days after winning his first ever world championship title, Australia's Dylan Littlehales was once again on top of the men's KL3 podium. Great Britain's Jonathan Young took silver and Senegal's Edmond Sanka won his first international medal by finishing third.

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Hungarian and French K4s.